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Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated May 01, 2003. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

The specification has been amended to include proper section headings and to correct minor informalities noted by the examiner. Applicant has attached hereto a substitute specification and marked-up copy of the same. No new matter has been entered because Applicant simply added headings and corrected several minor objections noted by the Examiner.

In addition, Applicant has amended the Abstract as required by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 19-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs for containing indefinite and/or incorrect claim language. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments to address these issues. The claims are now believed to be in conformance with 35 U.S.C. 112. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1-5, 8, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jandasek (USP 2,793,726). Claims 21-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jandasek '726. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

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unpatentable over Jandasek '726 in view of Arhab et al. (WO 98/58194). These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite an arrangement where "the tongues are fixed to the piston and to the transverse wall."

Jandasek '726 describes that the tongues are rotatably mounted upon pivot blocks (43,44) to the piston and to the transverse wall (cf. column 2, rows 22-29). The instant invention, on the other hand, comprises tongues that are fixed to the piston and transverse wall; i.e. no degree of freedom in the link between tongues and the piston or the wall.

In addition, the rotation type links described by Jandasek '726 do not have the same function as the fixed type links of the instant claims. It is not obvious for a person skilled in the art to modify Jandasek's teaching in order to obtain the instant invention because Jandasek '726 does not address a fixed type link. Regarding claim 29, Arhab et al. teach a friction means disposed between the piston and the hub but carried by hub. In the instant claim, the friction means is carried by the piston. A person of skill in the art would modify the teaching of Jandasek '726 by introducing the friction means of Arhab et al. between the piston and the hub, the friction mean being carried by the hub as taught by Arhab et al. – leading one of skill in the art to an invention different from the instantly claimed invention.


It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments and comments resolve all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner

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believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, please
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